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### **INVESTING IN PEOPLE**

(Education)



#### *USAID support for Cotabato school*

EDUCATION Champion. US Deputy Chief of Mission Paul Jones gives US Embassy souvenir items to students of the Notre Dame Village Elementary School in Cotabato City.

The DCM visited the school to turnover approximately 28,000 for 129 schools in Central Mindanao.

The book distribution was implemented under USAID's Education Awareness Support

Effort (EASE). A total of 308 schools in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM) have established or expanded school libraries with matching grants from EASE, which is being implemented by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program.

GEM is being implemented under the oversight of the Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo).

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